

he dodged behind cover and consequently he was rather broken up. The bird was in good condition and was made over the same evening to the Society and his measurements recorded. Having shot a couple of this species in Kulu I was pretty sure of its identity but not knowing it to be so unusual did not question the shikari as to the frequency of its occurrence. He appeared to know of it quite well, but his knowledge may have been assumed. Only one specimen is recorded as having been shot near Bombay before, that of Mr. T. H. Moore in January 1896. Possibly the species occurs not uncommonly, but is not identified.

The Wood-snipe weighed $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

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BOMBAY, 31st January 1917.

No. VIII.—NOTE ON THE HABITS OF THE CHECKERED WATER SNAKE (*TROPIDONOTUS PISCATOR*.)

A few days ago I saw an interesting display of fishing by a snake. The basin in front of the sluices of Walwhar lake was being emptied through the 15th valve provided for that purpose and numbers of small fish were being shot through and as they came out of the pipe were trying to jump clear of the stream of water. The snake was sitting on top of the pipe and darted its head at the fish in the air. I saw it catch one fish about 4" long but it only managed to hold it for a few seconds before it broke away. I killed and preserved the snake and am sending it down to you and should be much obliged if you would kindly identify it.

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LONAVLA,

2nd December 1916.

No. IX.—FEEDING HABITS OF THE PYTHON (*PYTHON MOLURUS*.)

I enclose a photo of a $13\frac{1}{2}$ feet Python which I killed sometime ago in the Northern Shan States about 15 miles from Lashio. The reptile had

